

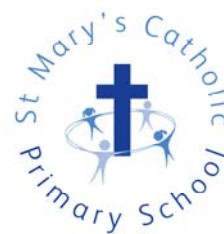
# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment*

*Designated Child Protection Officer: Ms A Maher  
Child Protection policy available at [www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk)*

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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year. I hope that you all had a good half-term break and didn't get too wet! Sadly, the rain came on our planned Sports' Day but hopefully the sun will shine again on our reserve date which is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am-12.15pm.

You will see from our diary dates that many activities are planned for this half-term including a very special Year 6 Leavers' Mass on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. At this Mass, Bishop McGough will concelebrate Mass with Fr Cecil and he will then bless all of the new building work. We are hoping to plant a time capsule after Mass and to follow Mass with tours of the new building so that parents/carers can see the fantastic impact of the donations that have been made in the little envelopes attached to each newsletter. If the weather is good, we hope to enjoy a family picnic on the field at lunchtime. School will finish for the summer holidays on that day at 3pm and it will be a wonderful way to celebrate the successes of the year. Please look out for a letter which will follow in the next few weeks with more details.

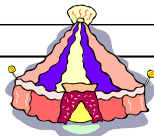
Sadly, as mentioned above, we will soon have to say goodbye to Y6. They have been a credit to our school and to their parents. We wish them well as they take this next step in life and I hope that they will take fond memories of St Mary's with them as they stride out into the future. May the Lord bless you and guide you, and keep you safe in all that you do.

Best wishes

**Ms A Maher**  
**Headteacher**

### **Summer Fair** **Saturday 6th July 12.00 noon** **onwards**

Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine! The Friends are working very hard to make our Summer Fair a success for your children. All donations of bottles or tombola prizes will be gratefully received. We would be especially grateful if you could also donate a little bit of time to help the Friends to set up or run a stall on the day. If you are able to help us please contact Mrs Hambridge at the school office. Thank you.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



The following children have birthdays during July and August. If your name is not on the list please let us know so that we can check we have the correct date of birth on our records:

Pawel Y3	David Y5	Humayun Y4
Ashton REC	Charlie Y1	Molly Y6
Ibrahim Y3	Brayden Y3	Kieran Y6
Jude Y2	Kudzai Y5	Matthew Y2
Mia Y3	Lewis Y6	Iqra Y1
Ibrahim Y5	Kelsie Y6	Aisha Y2
Jack Y4	Mia Y6	Keira Y5
Charlie REC	David Y3	Jacob Y5
Titus REC	McKenzie Y2	Reece Y6
Kyle Y1		

#### **Preschool**

Elisha Fabian Hollie Nathaniel



### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Friday 21st June**

Mufti Day—Bring a full bottle for Tombola Stall

#### **Friday 28th June**

Talent Show 6.30pm  
Tickets £4.00 per adult £2.00 per child to include refreshments.  
Raffle prizes to be won!

#### **Saturday 6th July**

Summer Fair—Doors open 12 noon.  
Donations and help urgently needed.



### Diary Dates

Sun 9th June	Immaculate Heart of St Mary Mass and Barbecue 11.00am
Mon 10th June	Foundation Stage INSPIRE Morning 9.00am
	Reconciliation Meeting for Y2 parents 7.00pm Parish Centre
Thurs 13th June	Reconciliation Catechists Meeting for Y2 parents 7.00pm Parish Centre
Fri 14th June	Induction for new Preschool children 9.15am
17th-21st June	Y6 Vocations Week
Weds 19th June	Y4 INSPIRE Morning 9.00am
Thurs 20th June	Reconciliation Catechists Meeting for Y2 parents 7.00pm Parish Centre
Fri 21st June	PTA Mufti Day—Bring a bottle
	Vocations Road show (Y6) 9.15-10.30am
	Induction for new Preschool children 1.30pm
Weds 26th June	Y3 INSPIRE Morning 9.00am
Fri 28th June	Induction for new Preschool children 1.30pm
	'Talent' Show 6.30pm
Tues 2nd July	Humanities 'World Tour' Day
Thurs 4th July	Y6 Safer Cycling
Fri 5th July	Y6 Safer Cycling
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair 12.00
Tues 9th July	Induction for new Foundation Stage Parents 6.30pm
Weds 10th July	Y6 Big Bash 6.30pm
Thurs 11th July	First Reconciliation Y2 St Mary's Church 11.00am
Weds 17th July	Parents Evening 3.00-5.00pm
Thurs 18th July	Foundation Stage Induction 1.30pm
	Y2 visit to Buddhist Temple
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>BREAK UP FOR SUMMER</b>

### Whole School Mass List

Tues 11th June	Y3 & Y6 Sacramental Celebration Mass	9.15am
Tues 25th June	School Mass (prepared by staff)	9.15am
Tues 9th July	Foundation Stage Mass	9.15am
Tues 23rd July	Leavers Mass/Blessing of School	9.15am

We look forward to seeing as many parents and parishioners as possible at our whole school Masses.

### Class Assemblies

Fri 7th June	Barnados Assembly (plus KS2 CIL work on display)	9.15am
Tues 2nd July	World Tour Assembly—Whole School	2.15pm
Fri 19th July	Leavers Assembly	9.15am

### Well Done!

Congratulations to Marija in Y6 for reaching the finals of a national Eco Superhero competition. We would all like to wish her good luck in the finals being held in London on Thursday 20th June with Marija, Grace and Mrs Brereton representing St. Mary's.

We have recently agreed to take part in a scheme called 'Footsteps4Harry' on behalf of the HelpHarryHelpOthers Charity. This scheme aids economically deprived areas in West Africa.



The scheme invites you to send into school any unwanted pairs of shoes for recycling. For every pair of shoes we manage to recycle HelpHarryHelpOthers will receive 35p, and the shoes will then go on to provide affordable footwear to those who need it.

The money raised will help make a huge difference to help the charity's efforts to find a cure for brain cancer and support families on their cancer journeys. More information can be found at [www.HelpHarryHelpOthers.org.uk](http://www.HelpHarryHelpOthers.org.uk).

If you would like to recycle unwanted pairs of shoes to help this worthwhile charity, there is a collection box in the Reception area where you can place them.

### Fruit and Veg for sale!

Despite the bad weather, Year 6 have managed to successfully grow fruit and vegetables in our raised beds in the school grounds. These items will be on sale on the playground throughout the term.

Keep your eyes peeled for a bargain!



### Attendance Return 15th April 2013—24th May 2013

Rec— 93.64%  
Yr 1— 93.87%  
Yr 2— 96.67%  
Yr 3— 96.80%  
Yr 4— 97.88%  
Yr 5— 95.76%  
Yr 6— 96.93%

Well done Year 6. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:  
2.66% authorised  
1.44% unauthorised  
Our overall attendance was 95.90%

Please note that unauthorised absences count as truancy so if we have not heard from you by 10am we have to keep a record for our Education Welfare Officer. **Please remember that holidays in school time are also unauthorised.**

Please also note that if your child arrives late, after registers are closed, this is counted as an absence so please try to be on time.

### School Portal

If you did not collect your parent portal login during parent's evening this can be collected from the school office. Please bring ID with you when coming to collect it.



### Harry's School Initiative

HelpHarryHelpOthers are rolling out Harry's inspirational schools initiative nationally to empower children to 'believe in themselves', become interested in charity whilst raising money for their own school funds at the same time. Harry's schools initiative also teaches children the basics of business at the same time including 'profit and loss, finance, marketing, speaking skills, IT, Sales, team work and much more whilst they really enjoy getting involved.

Year 6 are taking part in this scheme and have made bracelets. These will be on sale in school for £2 each—£1.50 going to the charity and 50p for school fund. Please help us support this worthwhile cause.

## Parent Calendar

It is now possible for you to add our school parent calendar through your ipad, iphone or android device. This will give you information about what is happening in school ie. assemblies, masses and other events which may be of interest to you.

For those of you who have given us your email address this document has been emailed to you to enable you to click on the link to add this calendar. If you haven't received this document by email and you would like to, please give your email address to the school office.

The ics. link that you need to enable you to do this is:

<http://amsprd0410.outlook.com/owa/calendar/ParentCalendar@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk/Calendar/calendar.ics>

Instructions, should you need them, are below:

### Setting up the School Calendar on an iPad

In order to read the **school calendar** on an iPad or iPhone the **.ics** link shown above from the published **school calendar** has been sent via email to the email address registered with school. When you select this **.ics** link you are given the opportunity to **subscribe** to the **school calendar**. It will be added to your calendar list under **Subscribed**



### Setting up the School Calendar on an Android device

The ics share link does not work on Android the same way as with an IOS device (iPad or iPhone). In order to share the ics link to give Android users a read view of the O365 Calendar it will be necessary for you to use the Calendar in a Gmail account. In order to do this you should:

Set up a **Gmail** account

Open the **Calendar** screen on a computer

Down the left hand side of the screen is a link to **Other Calendars** with a drop down arrow

Click on the drop down arrow and in the menu options

Click on **Add URL**

Paste the O365 Calendar **ics link** into this box

This will import the O365 Calendar into the GMail Calendar on the computer and onto their Android device

Visit the **Calendar Settings** to name the calendar etc.